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2007 WEST VIRGINIA HONEY PRODUCTION

WEST VIRGINIA - Honey production in 2007 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 240,000 pounds, up 30,000 pounds from 2006. There were 5,000 producing colonies in 2007, unchanged from 2006. Yield per colony averaged 48 pounds, up 6 pounds from 42 in 2006. Honey stocks on December 15, 2007, were reported at 79,000 pounds, up 22,000 pounds from the amount reported in 2006.

Prices for the 2007 crop averaged 196 cents per pound, compared to 202 cents per pound in 2006. Value of production totaled 470,000 dollars, up 46,000 dollars from 2006.

UNITED STATES - Honey production in 2007 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 148 million pounds, down 4 percent from 2006. There were 2.44 million colonies producing honey in 2007, up 2 percent from 2006. Yield per colony averaged 60.8 pounds, down 6 percent from the 64.7 pounds in 2006. Colonies which produced honey in more than one State were counted in each State where the honey was produced. Therefore, yields per colony may be understated, but total production would not be impacted. Colonies were not included if honey was not harvested. Producer honey stocks were 52.5 million pounds on December 15, 2007, down 13 percent from a year earlier. Stocks held by producers exclude stocks held under the commodity loan program.

The 2007 all honey price was 103.2 cents, down slightly from 103.6 cents in 2006. U.S. and State level prices reflect the portions of honey sold through retail, cooperatives, and private channels. Prices for each color class are derived by weighting the quantities sold for each marketing channel. Prices for the 2006 crop reflect honey sold in 2006 and 2007.